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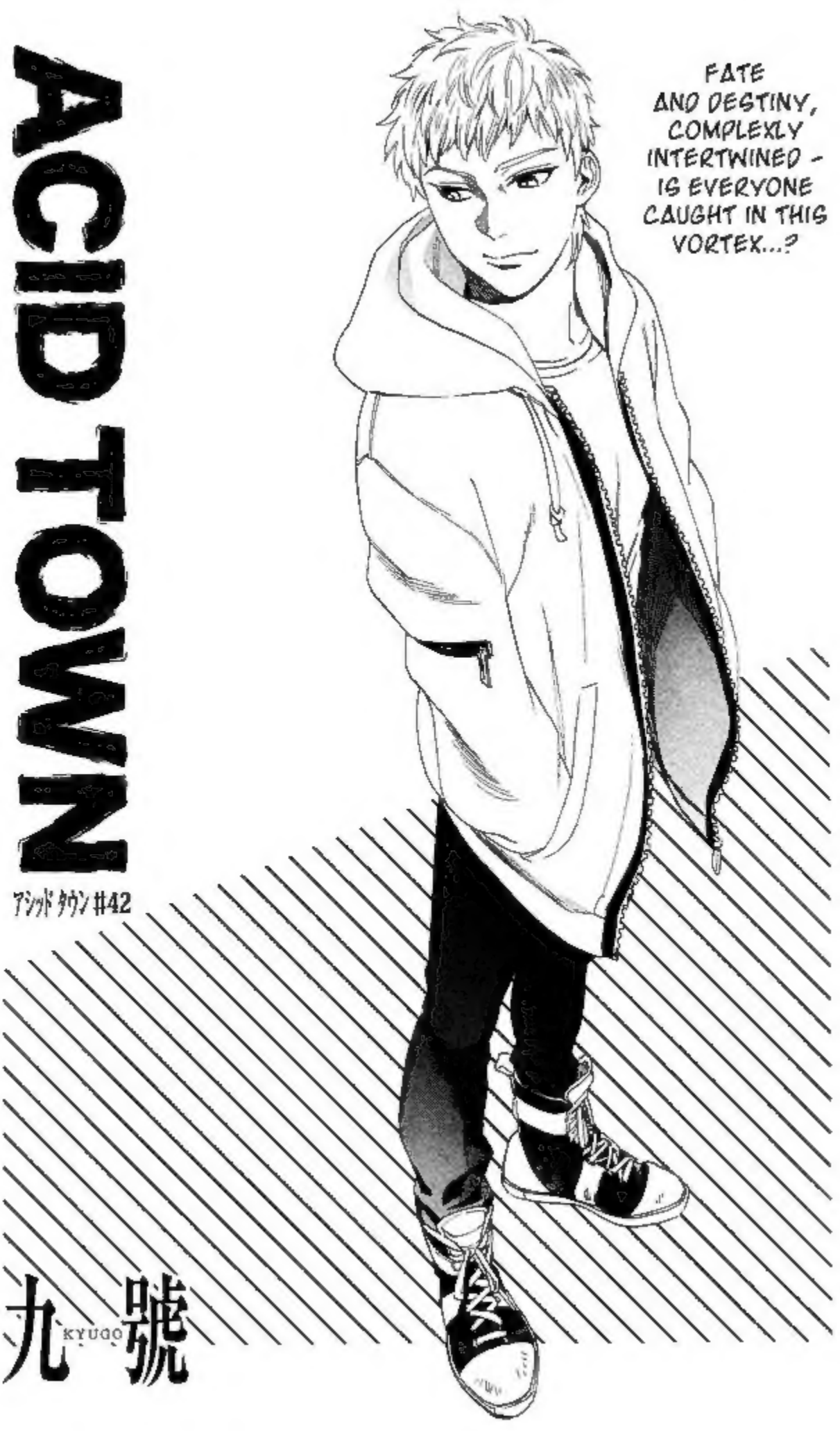


九號 KYUGO

12 YEARS AGO
...
WAKA...
HEY.
ZAAAAA
IT WAS SO UNEX-PECTED.
HYOUDOU.

* LION AND PEONY TATTOO DESIGN

C U L
Guzzla
YOU TURN TO ME...
... WHENEVER YOU'RE REALLY CORNERED, DON'T YOU?
HYOUDOU.

WHAP
!

...
tok tok
WAIT.

SAME TO YOU!!
YOU'RE THE SAME AS EVER, NANAMI...
I ONLY CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU SAID IT WAS A "TOP PRIORITY,"
SO WHY NOT SHOW ME A BIT OF CHARM?!

GIMME A GIMLET, EXTRA STRONG!
YES, MA'AM.
creak
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WAY BACK.
huff
FINE... I'LL JUST CHARGE MORE OF AN INFOR-MATION FEE.

AS YOU SAID, THE RECORDS OF THE VICTIMS FROM THE KAWAGUCHI GROUP SHAKE-UP 20 YEARS AGO,
SO, MASAHISA SANADA...
THIS IS A COPY OF THE FAMILY REGISTER OF THAT KAWAGUCHI GROUP HEAD, SANADA.
AND FROM THE CONFLICT WITH THE HEILONG 12 YEARS AGO, SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED.
HE HAD THREE CHILDREN.
AS YOU KNOW, ONE'S RYUUJI SANADA,
THOUGH HE WAS REMOVED LATER WHEN HE WAS ADOPTED BY HIS TEACHER.
生出
母
父
生出
真田
寿実子
龍児
長男
正久
第

... ARE REIJI AND HISAKO.
AND THE OTHER TWO...
I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY,
THIS "REIJI" AND "REIJI NAKAMOTO" ARE MOST LIKELY THE SAME PERSON.
UP UNTIL NOW, I COULDN'T BE SURE.
ACCORDING TO MY SUBORDINATES' INVESTIGATIONS, THERE WERE NO RECORDS OF HIM FROM BEFORE HE APPEARED IN THIS TOWN FOUR MONTHS AGO.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO THIS?
NO, IT'S JUST-
...
WHAT?
YOU DON'T SEEM SURPRISED.

I FOUND OUT HE WAS A SURVIVING SANADA JUST RECENTLY.
MY SUBORDINATE RISKED HIS LIFE TO GET THIS INFORMATION.
ALMOST AS IF HE'D NEVER EXISTED TO BEGIN WITH.
YOU WERE HALF RIGHT THAT HE "DIDN'T EXIST TO BEGIN WITH."
WELL,
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED THE INFO ABOUT PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THOSE OLD CONFLICTS.
OR, SO THE RECORDS SAY.
...
REIJI DIED TEN YEARS AGO.
AS YOU CAN SEE,

UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S HARD TO TELL JUST FROM THESE RECORDS.
WHY WOULD HE EVEN NEED TO FAKE HIS DEATH,
AND WHO FAKED IT FOR HIM...
IT WASN'T PART OF THE PLAN TO FAKE HIS DEATH.
IT'S NOT THE SORT OF TRICK A 17 OR 18-YEAR-OLD KID COULD PULL OFF.
BUT...
... YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HOW IT GOT TO THIS POINT.
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN...
CHAIRMAN DOUMOTO.
20 YEARS AGO,
AFTER THE DEATH OF BOSS SANADA, HISAKO AND REI WERE TAKEN IN BY A CERTAIN SOMEONE...
WHO DO YOU THINK THAT WAS?

THE CHAIR-MAN.
!

SINCE THAT WAS BEFORE YOU JOINED THE GROUP, NATURALLY, I DON'T EXPECT YOJ WERE ONE OF THEM
...
THE ONLY ONES THAT KNEW THE TRUTH WERE A SELECT FEW IN THE SEIDOJKAI, CLOSE TO DOUMOTO
BY ALL APPEARANCES, THOSE TWO WERE TAKEN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE POLICE AND THEN PUT IN A HOME
THEY WERE TAKEN IN AND PUT UNDER HIS PROTECTION..

IT WAS ALL JUST AS HE WANTED IT TO BE.
AFTER THAT, ANYTHING RELATED TO THOSE TWO WAS OFF LIMITS TO THE POLICE
IT SEEMS LIKE OUR TOP BRASS AT THE TIME WERE ALREADY CONNECTED TO DOUMOTO

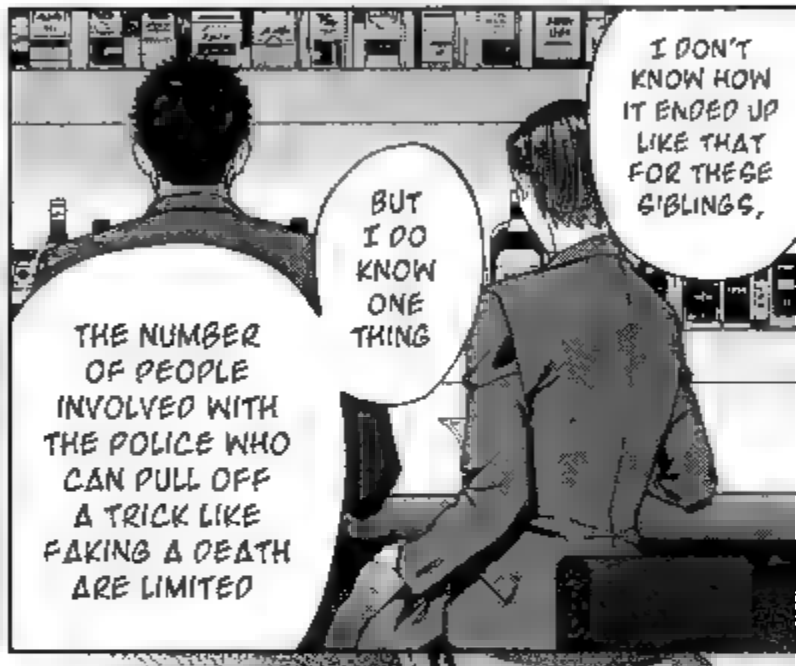
ALL OF THE SNAKES' NOISE AND HAVOC SHOULD HAVE REACHED HIS EARS AS WELL
AND "NAKAMOTO" MADE UP A FAKE LAST NAME, BUT DIDN'T CHANGE HIS FIRST NAME.
THAT WAS PROBABLY INTENTIONAL.
...
THEN HE SHOULD KNOW WHO "NAKAMOTO" REALLY IS
MAYBE HE WAS TRYING TO ATONE, OR SHOW MERCY
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HIS TRUE INTENTIONS ARE, BUT,
FACT IS, HE QUIETLY PROTECTED THOSE TWO
IN THE REMAINING RECORDS, THEY WERE LISTED UNDER AN APARTMENT OWNED BY DOUMOTO
"AND?"
IS IT REALLY THAT SERIOUS? THAT NAKAMOTO IS JUST A PUNK RIGHT?"
SO
"VISITOR? WHO?"
MASA-TSUGU-SAN,
YOU.
"WAKA"
"WHAT IS IT?"
"YOU HAVE A VISITOR"

"A YOUNG LADY NAMED SANADA-SAN"
YOU KNEW WHO "REIJI" WAS, DIDN'T YOU?
...
WHAT MUST IT HAVE FELT LIKE, I WONDER? BEING RAISED BY YOUR FATHER'S ENEMY
TO PEOPLE LIKE US, IT'S DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE, BUT,
A BIT LIKE BEING STABBED IN THE BACK, MAYBE
BUT THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT
PROBABLY,
IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

BUT . ONE DAY, TEN YEARS AFTER THEY WERE ADOPTED,
THEIR SITUATION CHANGED..
.. WITH HISAKO'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE
!
SUICIDE ?
THAT'S RIGHT
WHEN HISAKO WAS TWENTY, SHE COLLAPSED FROM ANEMIA AND WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE TRIED TO JUMP TO HER DEATH
ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, SHE WAS ABOUT FIVE WEEKS PREGNANT AT THE TIME
I WONDER WHOSE CHILD IT WAS
YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS, CAN'T YOU?
!
AND THEN ABOUT A WEEK LATER,
REIJI'S DROWNED BODY WAS FOUND

UNDER THE PRETENSE OF INSUF-FICIENT EVIDENCE
BUT IN THE END IT WAS TREATED AS A SUICIDE,
REIJI'S DEATH WAS INVESTIGATED AS EITHER A SUICIDE OR A MURDER,

DO YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND?


THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE POLICE WHO CAN PULL OFF A TRICK LIKE FAKING A DEATH ARE LIMITED
BUT I DO KNOW ONE THING
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT ENDED UP LIKE THAT FOR THESE SIBLINGS,

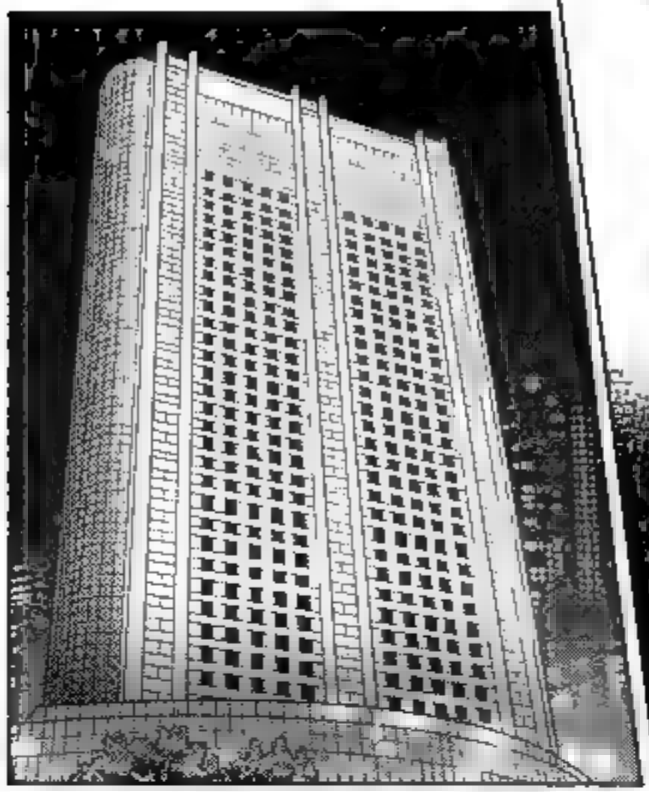
AT LEAST UNTIL REIJI NAKAMO... SANADA APPEARED IN THIS TOWN ..
BUT IT WAS LIKE THIS MIST OBSCURED IT
I AL-WAYS HAD A BAD FEELING

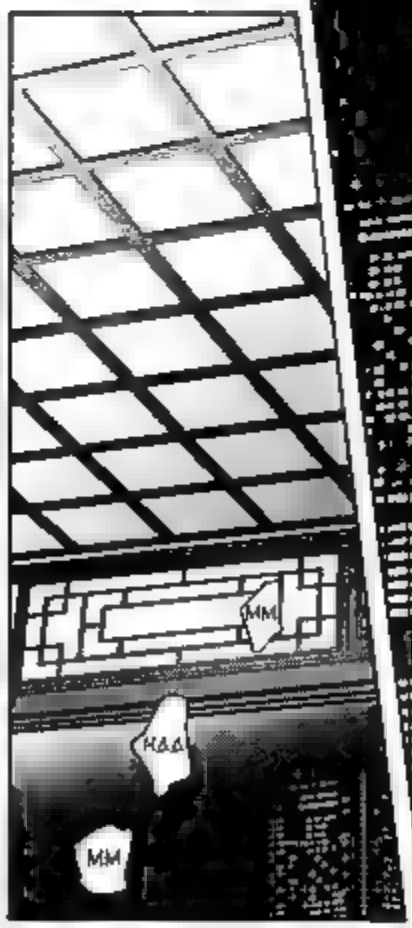
...

THAT WAS ALSO PROBABLY PART OF HIS CALCULATIONS
IT'S LIKE I DIDN'T WANT TO FACE WHAT WAS BOTHERING ME,
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I'M LEFT TRYING TO CATCH UP WITH EVERYTHING
...
CLICK
DONE ALREADY?
YEAH
CREAK
TOMORROW, THE SEIDOUKAI
IS MEETING FOR DINNER WITH THE HEILONG
!
IN ANY CASE, IT'LL ALL BE CLEAR ONCE I MEET WANG
HUH?
CLUNK

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
THAT
I'M GOING TO BE ESCORTING MAGATSUGJ-SAN
YOU'RE GOING TO BE KILLED.
HOW CAN YOU JUST GO AND GET YOJRSELF KILLED,
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
BETWEEN THE CHANG INCIDENT AND THE EXPLOSION YESTERDAY, WE AT THE POLICE HAVE BEEN ON HIGH ALERT,
AND WE CAN MOJNT A FULL-SCALE INTERVENTION IF THINGS GET ANY BIGGER.

... JUST DOING MY DUTY.
tok
I'M
THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, SHIN-YA
!
...
IDI-OT
DON'T CALL ME BY THAT OLD NAME AT A TIME LIKE THIS
JEEZ





HE'S THE SAME AS EVER,

THE DAMN FOOL.

WHAT'S THEIR RESPONSE?
"TOMORROW AT 4 P.M.,"
"LET'S MEET ON THE 33RD FLOOR OF THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL,"
OR SO THEY SAID.
I SEE
MM
PH

GRIIIIN
HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH
EX-CEL-LENT
AND HYOUDOU WILL BE COMING, WON'T HE?
YES FOR SURE
BUT I CAN'T JUST KILL HIM, THAT'D BE BORING
FI-NAL-LY
AT LAST
I'LL STRING HIM UP AND KEEP HIM ALIVE.
AND I'LL TORTURE HIS SUB-ORDI-NATES TO DEATH IN FRONT OF HIS EYES.
AND THEN, RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM, I'LL TAKE THAT BOY HE'S BEEN PROTECTING AND RAPE HIM OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN .
THE DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO RIP HIM APART WITH MY OWN HANDS IS FINALLY HERE..

*CHINESE HONORIFIC, SPOKEN FROM A YOUNGER MAN TO AN OLDER MAN, ESP. LEADER OF A GANG; LIT. "BIG BROTHER"

I KNOW THE TIMING WAS BAD, BUT,
THAT'S... A MISUNDERSTANDING, I WASN'T TRYING TO INTERRUPT.
AT THE TIME, IT COULDN'T BE HELPED...
WELL, WHATEVER.
Hmph.
...
I'LL HAVE MY FUN LATER.
...
YUAN-SAMA...
YUAN-SAMA, REWARD PLEASE ...
Heh, heh.
I KNOW, I KNOW.
WAIT YOUR TURN.
CLICK
EXCUSE ME.
AH, AH!
YUAN-SAMA
AH!
Creak
...

shuff
...
FUCK-ING PER-VERT.
HAVE YOUR FUN WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

...
ON THE 33RD FLOOR OF THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL.
TO-MOR-ROW AT 4 P.M.,
HEY, HYOU-DOU?
WE GOT THE THUMBS UP FROM THOSE GUYS.
MASA-TSUGU-GAN ...
!
...
To Be Continued